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Editorial Comment

MR. TAFT'S CONSERVATISM.

Addressing the business men of Boston, the chief city of the most conservative section of the country, last evening, Secretary Taft declared that he believed himself to be as conservative as any of them. And, at the same time, in discussing the political questions of the day, he thoroughly identified himself with Roosevelt. The present administration, its policies, and its adherents, are commonly regarded as progressive, rather than conservative. And so they are, as the terms are relatively used. But Mr. Taft shows that there is nothing radical or revolutionary in the effort to enforce the law, and to protect the people against a plundering plutocracy. The point he makes is that the most conservative citizen should approve the measures taken by President Roosevelt to establish a square deal, and bring the desert trusts and railroads to a realization that laws are made to be obeyed by the mighty, as well as by the poor and weak.

Discussing the causes of the panic, he first mentions the exhaustion of available capital, by enormous expansion, waste, calamity, and extravagance, conditions more or less world-wide, and then he says:

"Secondly, the conclusion cannot be avoided that the revelations of irregularity, breaches of trust, stock jobbing, over-issues of stock, violation of laws and lack of rigid state and national supervision in the management of some of our largest insurance companies, railroad companies, traction companies and financial corporations, shocked investors, and made them withhold what little loanable capital remained available. Such disclosures had much more effect probably abroad than they had here, because here we were able to make distinctions, while there, at a remote distance, the revelations created distrust in our whole business fabric. When, therefore, two or three institutions, banks and trust companies supposed to be solid, were found to have their capital impaired by the stock jobbing of their officers, the public was easily frightened and the runs upon banks began. The question then became not one of loanable capital, but one of actual money to be used in the transactions of the day—a very different question though of course closely related."

He denies that the real foundations of the panic are to be found in the administration's policies. These have not been directed against organized capital, but only against such organized capital as was violating the statutes of the United States. He controverts the allegation that the administration has arraigned the whole business community as dishonest. The President has condemned the law-breakers, however, and put the fear of the law in their hearts. The railroad rate bill has had not the slightest effect upon the legitimate business of the roads. Mr. Roosevelt is not responsible for state legislation. The secretary might have added that the President favors a larger measure of national control, and less sporadic and conflicting interference from the states. Mr. Taft pertinently says:

"Instead of making a panic, the national policy of ending the lawlessness of corporations in interstate commerce and of taking away their power of issuing, without supervision, stocks and bonds, will produce a change in their management and remove one fruitful

cause for loss of public confidence."

Secretary Taft does not believe the evil effects of the panic will be long drawn out, or disastrous to industry. After a few months, business will be resumed on a normal basis. He makes a timely plea for a more elastic currency, and declares that the stringency would have been relieved last October, if we had a circulating medium which expanded automatically, in response to sudden demand.

While not attempting to cover a wide range of topics, in his address, Mr. Taft has succeeded thoroughly in demonstrating that he is heart and soul in accord with President Roosevelt. And, in so doing, he also shows that honest business, and honest men have nothing to fear from the administration and its policies. Incidentally, he declares his opposition to Bryan's idea of government ownership of railroads. Call it either conservatism or radicalism, call it what one likes, his creed is one in which the vast majority of his countrymen believe.

FOR THE HONOR OF HIS HOUSE.

It was Lovelace—not the one of that name now languishing in jail, because of his non-success at the poker table, but Richard Lovelace, the poet, who flourished in the early part of the seventeenth century—that whispered to his Lucretia:

I could not love thee, dear, so much,
Loved I not honor more.

It must have been this same noble sentiment that inspired Count Boni de Castellane to resent the insult to the father of his children, when he miserable Prince de Sagan, jammed his tall hat over his crown, as he passed Boni, in church, recently, and, by that act of supreme contempt, aroused all the fighting boog of the Castellanes.

What though Count Boni is legally separated from his children! What though Prince de Sagan is on friendly terms with the divorced wife of the count! Scare! Is he to sit still, while his children's father is being humiliated in this fashion! Non, non, mesdames et messieurs!

How shall the count prove himself a true gentleman? By indulging in the gentlemanly practice of spitting in his adversary's face! Ma foi! We of the blue blood know how to express our contempt gracefully. But let Boni tell of his prowess himself. It is an inspiring story:

"I followed him outside the church door. There I tapped him on the shoulder, and when he turned I spit in his face, saying, 'There is a gift which I owe you.'"

We hope Madame Gould was duly impressed by this thoughtful reference to the Castellane brood. On this side the water the public is lost in admiration over the rapid-fire delivery, and deadly aim of the count. In the early settlement of Illinois, Mr. Lincoln has told us of the circuit lawyers, who, with the natives gathered at the county seat hotel, of an evening, engaged in the absorbing occupation of spitting at a mark. It is fair to assume that Count Boni de Castellane had no such early practice, to teach him perfection, hence the more honor, the more glory his, that he acquitted himself so well. If this had happened here, he might have been ignominiously fined for violating a city statute, governing expectoration in public places. But we are so material, so ungallant, n'est-ce pas?

SHERIFFS TO GET ONLY ACTUAL EXPENSES.

(From Saturday's Daily)
After several days of consideration, Attorney General Clark and District Attorney Morrison yesterday reached a decision in the matter of the payment of sheriff's fees and expenses in extradition cases. The question was referred to the district attorney by the sheriff's office after the extradition of J. H. Frye from La Junta, Colo., a few weeks ago.

District Attorney Morrison consulted the attorney general and a correspondence also ensued between Governor Kibbey and both attorneys. The law bearing on the payment of extradition fees has been construed one way and another by different district attorneys in past years, some holding that the Territory should pay all extradition expenses and fees and others that the county where the crime was committed should stand the entire expense.

Governor Kibbey was asked for an opinion in the matter by Attorneys Clark and Morrison. The governor takes the position that the Territory should and will only pay the actual expenses of an officer, incurred in extradition cases, outside of the boundary lines of the Territory. His position is that the county should pay the legal fees to the officer inside the Territory.

Basing their theory of the law on the presumption that as soon as a sheriff of a county crosses the boundary line of the Territory his authority as sheriff ends, Attorneys Clark and Morrison agree that where the sheriff is the agent of the Territory, in an extradition case, he is entitled to the statutory fees allowed in the execution of a warrant from the place where it is issued to the Territorial boundary line, such fees to be paid by the county.

In the case of Sheriff Murphy of Pima county, who sued the Territory for the statutory fees in an extradition case, Judge Kent decided that the Territory was not liable except by order of the governor.

E. E. Ellinwood, formerly district attorney here, gave as his version of the law that the Territory should pay all expenses in extradition cases. It was formerly the custom of the board of supervisors of this county to pay mileage to the sheriffs in the execution of extradition matters.

Joe Roberts, when sheriff of this county, demanded payment from the Territory for the expenses of an extradition case outside of the boundary lines. Payment was refused and the matter is still pending in the Territorial auditor's office.

MAY PAY OFF THE LOCAL CLAIMS SOON.

(From Saturday's Daily)

It is authoritatively stated, by one in close touch with the movement for reorganization, that definite steps are being taken to pay off the Arizona indebtedness of the Arizona Smelting company, owner of the smelter at Humboldt, and that plans for this may materialize by January 15, possibly sooner, or, perhaps, a little later.

This, of course, would be the preliminary step toward perfecting the reorganization of the company, plans for which were put under way some time ago, as stated at the time in the Journal-Miner. Since the appointment of a receiver for the company, in the district court, here, those interested in the smelter have been bending their energies to perfect this reorganization as rapidly as possible, and only the scarcity of money has prevented their plans being worked out in detail prior to this. Now that the financial situation is so vastly improved, there seems to be little doubt but that those behind the company will soon have things in shape for the paying off of the obligations and the resuming of operations.

The statement of F. M. Murphy, of the S. F. & P. railroad and the Prescott National bank, to a Journal-Miner representative that he had received assurances from New York to the effect that plans were under way looking to the paying off of the Arizona claims against the smelter company by January 15, if possible, is taken to mean that the people of Yavapai county can, with reasonable certainty, look for a resumption of operations at Humboldt in the near future, provided the present plans of those interested in the company do not meet with any unlooked for rebuffs.

"The resumption of operations at the Humboldt smelter would mean for us the starting off of the new year in great shape," declared Mr. Murphy. "It would be the means of causing a great resumption of activity throughout the county, and I am of the opinion that it will not be so very long before the Humboldt plant will again be in operation."

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GREEN IS FINED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—W. C. Greene, president of the Greene Consolidated Copper company and his fellow directors and officers were directed by Judge Giegerich in the supreme court to pay a fine of \$250 for contempt of court in failing to produce the books of the company when order was made in the suit of James I. Grant of New York, who holds 130 shares of stock in the Cobra Grande Copper company, which was an Arizona corporation.

Grant asked for the examination before trial and also for an inspection of the books and records of the company. Greene appealed from this order to the appellate division which affirmed the decision of the lower court. Grant then obtained another order directing Greene to appear for examination June 17 last, but he did not do so and an order was obtained from Judge Dayton, punishing him for contempt. He was then allowed twenty days in which to appear, but did not comply with the mandate of the court.

The matter of his punishment for contempt of court and also that of his associates was next brought up before Judge Giegerich, who holds that a single fine of \$250 must be inflicted, for which each defendant shall be liable.

BIG JUDGMENT GIVEN AGAINST MINING CONCERN

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 6.—Judgment for \$272,229 was rendered in the district court here against the Copper Belle Mining company in favor of Paine, Webber & Co., plaintiffs, suing to recover on a note given for money advanced the mining company. Stay of execution was granted for thirty days in order to give minority stockholders in the company time to file a motion to have the big judgment set aside.

The Copper Belle Mining company has had a strenuous career and has been involved in a number of law suits. The mines of the company at Gleason have yielded big returns from the ore taken out in the past.

DIRECTOR OF MINT ISSUES A STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The semi-annual provisional statement issued by the director of the mint shows that there has been a gain in the stock of gold and silver coins in the United States since June 30, 1907, of \$118,685,508, as follows:

Gold coin, \$109,507,732.
Silver coin, \$9,176,778.
The total stock of gold and silver coins in the United States on January 1, 1908, was \$2,146,156,979.

STRIKING TENANTS ARE WINNING THEIR FIGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Settlements affecting over 500 families have been made between the striking tenants and landlords of the east side, and predictions were made today that before the end of this week general settlements would be made.

MAKE RICH STRIKE WHILE AT WORK GRADING.

(From Friday's Daily)
While engaged grading for a powder magazine in the vicinity of the Jessie mine, in Chaparral, miners in the employ of the Jessie Mines company uncovered what appears to be a very promising ore body. The ore is a high grade gold rock. Arrangements to explore the ledge, which crosses the Little Jessie mine, will be made later.

John S. Jones, president and general manager of the company, will leave today for the Jessie, in company with W. W. Elliot, to survey the site for the new mill. It will be a complete crushing and cyaniding plant, of fifty tons daily capacity. Boiler and engine power sufficient for a plant of double its size will be installed, it being the intention of the company to increase the capacity later. The mill-site is located 200 feet from the main working shaft. The foundation will be in solid rock. It is intended to make the plant as nearly automatic as possible in operation. The preliminary work of clearing the site of undergrowth and debris is now under way. A large force will be employed in the grading when the surveys are finished.

City News
...In Brief

(From Sunday's Daily)

Influenza Victim.
Mrs. Philip Hoover is seriously ill at her home on Willis street, as the result of a severe attack of influenza.

Removed to Prescott.

L. T. Davis has leased his place of business at Mayer, and with his family, is now making his home in Prescott.

To Go South.

Joan Kelly, the well known mining operator, leaves for the south today on mining business. He expects to be absent for several weeks.

Home Again.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill have returned from their honeymoon trip to Los Angeles and are now domiciled in their cozy home on Park avenue.

Smallpox at Warren.

Reports from the Warren district are to the effect that several cases of smallpox have developed there. The people are taking steps to stamp out the disease before it becomes epidemic.

Hickey Improving.

W. J. Riley, manager of the St. Michael, received a letter yesterday from M. J. Hickey in San Francisco, stating that the latter's condition was improving. No intimation was given, however, as to when he would return to Prescott.

New Arrivals.

Attracted by the future possibilities of this section Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Martin have arrived in the city and intend to locate in Prescott permanently. Mr. Martin was for many years a Southern Pacific railroad conductor, and is generally well known to the traveling public.

Visited the Creek.

Robert Brow, who is operating a mining claim in the vicinity of Groom Creek, returned last evening from an inspection of his property. The Empire, he reports, is being systematically worked, with a large force of men, the main works being unwatered. Many individuals are also working their various claims.

A Baby Girl.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reddick, at the home of George W. Hance, at Camp Verde, on Dec. 30, at 2 a. m., a baby girl. The mother, who is the daughter of Mr. Hance, and child are reported as being in excellent health. "Jack," however, has the ailment common to newly-made papas.

Rapid Work.

Rapid work toward the completion of the new jail building is in progress. Already the back portion of the building is roofed over, and as it nears completion, its beauty, for so sombre a building, becomes apparent. As soon as the outside work is completed the iron work, cells, etc., will be installed.

Fall of the Beautiful.

The second snowfall of the winter came last evening, when some two inches of the "beautiful white" descended upon Prescott. In the surrounding mountains the fall was much heavier. It is believed the snowfall will have a tendency to stop the epidemic of influenza and other ailments that have been prevalent of late.

Lost on the Desert.

Lester Smith of Phoenix wandered all night on the desert between the Hassayampa and Agua Fria rivers Thursday, and but for the fortunate appearance of a miner of the White Tanks district might have perished before again finding the trail, from which he had strayed in the darkness.

Huron Miner.

Bob Weems, owner of the Daisy mining claims in the vicinity of Huron, is in the city on a business visit. He has recently completed development work on his group, and at the depth reached feels very enthusiastic over the showing made. He will return to his camp in a few days, after laying in a big supply of mining stores.

Wanted Them Back.

Because the poundmaster incarcerated three ponies belonging to as many Indians, the gate leading into the pound now has another gate. The Indians, obtaining a saw, cut away a large portion of the big gate, and led the ponies out, and were making off in the direction of the Indian camp when Chief of Police Prince gave chase, capturing one of the redskins.

Freddie Zandel, a youth living north of town, while riding his pet burro yesterday morning lost his balance and fell into a "chuck" hole, sustaining a fracture of his left leg near the ankle. He says his animal "slid" at the train, just as it blew the whistle for the crossing near Whipple. The little fellow says the burro is still all right, but that the iron horse is as uncertain as a clearing house scrip.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Skylight City Visitor.

C. T. Woodfolk is in the city from Flagstaff.

From Pittsburg.

W. C. Rodens is in the city from Pittsburg, Pa.

Reverend Visits.

Rev. Owens of Humboldt was a Sunday visitor here.

California Visitor.

J. H. Wilson is in the city from Bakersfield, Cal.

From Junction.

Charles Brennan of Junction is in the city on business.

Jerome City Attorney.

T. H. Rutherford, city attorney Jerome, is in the city on a brief legal visit.

Stoddard Visitor.

A. W. Lessard arrived here Sunday from Stoddard, where he is engaged in mining.

From His Mines.

George O. Ford is here from his mining camp in the Black hills on mining business.

Here from Cerbat.

W. C. Richards arrived in the city yesterday from Cerbat on a brief business visit.

Wickenburg Visitors.

M. A. and A. B. Roberts are here from Wickenburg, which district they report rather active.

McCabe Men Visit.

C. R. Dannemiller and Harry Swannout are here from McCabe, mingling among their many friends.

Visiting Here.

T. H. Oxnam, Jr., accompanied by his wife, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the St. Michael.

Ash Fork Visitor.

Mrs. J. H. Foley, wife of the deputy sheriff at Ash Fork, arrived here yesterday for a short visit with friends.

Aid Society Meeting.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Marina Street Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. S. Norviel, 209 South Pleasant street.

Very Small.

A fire alarm turned in from the Seepel hotel about 2 o'clock yesterday morning resulted in the departure making a run to the hotel, but the blaze had been extinguished before the arrival of the chemical wagon with but little, if any, damage.

BUMBLE BEE

CORRESPONDENCE

BUMBLE BEE, Ariz., Jan. 6.—B. Gruell passed by on his way to Mayer on Monday.

Harry Ismond was a Tuesday visitor after supplies.

Claude Nelson, Herman Hamer and Marshall Stoddard passed on the way to Castle creek, where Mr. Hamer and Mr. Stoddard will do work on Mr. Johnson's mines.

Joel Rice stayed over night on way north Tuesday.

John Brown and Joe Blackwell were visitors from their mines Monday.

O. J. Graham was a Sunday visitor.

John Simmons passed on his way Mayer with a force of men. Mr. Simmons had a very bad accident on hills below Bumble Bee Wednesday.

William Faltin was a mail visitor Wednesday.

John Curry has returned after a absence.

P. A. Morse was a visitor several times this week from his sheep near Jack Wilson stayed over night on his way to Humboldt Thursday.

C. C. Hutchinson, the sheepman, passed on his way to Phoenix Friday.

Mrs. W. W. Snyder and daughter Amy, were visitors to Turkey Creek. Miss Elizabeth Snyder left for south Monday, and we were very sorry to see her go.

Mrs. J. T. Hardy left for her home in Turkey Tuesday.

W. W. Snyder is on the sick list this morning.

M. R. Stoddard was a welcome visitor from Castle creek Thursday.

A. F. Hull is a visitor in this section for the coming week.

William Curran has returned to the burg again on the Bumble Bee flyer. Mr. Bayless is here from the hunting his sheep.

Mrs. W. W. Snyder and daughter Blanche and Amy, were visiting and Mrs. William Parker of Parkville Sunday.

Mr. Ritter passed on his way Thursday.

Charlie Jones was a visitor from Saturday from Phoenix.

Ben Walker passed on his way Sunday.

Charles and Dick Whitney passed from Richenbar on their way to Phoenix Saturday.

Bob McCoy was a business visitor Saturday from the canyon.